

Meeting Minutes
InJAC Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition
December 14, 2006

In Attendance:

Children & Youth

Kristin Hobson, Dennis Kamp, Phyllis Lewis, Deborah Lulling, Julie Slavens, Julie St. Clair (Phone)

Data & Surveillance

Hesam Lahsee, Marc Rosenman, Linda Stemnock

Environmental Quality

Lisa Caldwell, Pat Daniel, Kim Irwin, Janet McCabe, Marcie Memmer, Ingrid Ritchie

Health Care Providers Committee:

David Blair, Judith Ganser, Jamie Lee, Fred Leickly, Paula Puntenney, Don Trainor

Public Education

Robin Costley, Kristin Hobson, Erin Slevin, Kathy Such

Other Guests

- Sue Percifield, ISDH

Welcome

➤ **Dr. Leickly- Approval of September 2006 meeting minutes.**

➤ **Marcie Memmer-ISDH Update**

1. Mary Hill is the new Health Commissioner
2. ISDH is working on updating the Burden Report, the goal is to have it published by Dec 2007.
3. Next issue (Spring/Summer 2007) of the ISDH Breathe IN, Breathe OUT is in process. Please submit ideas to Kristin Hobson at khobson@isdh.in.gov. The newsletter will be distributed to all InJAC members via email and can be found on the ISDH Asthma website at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/asthma>.
4. Breatheasyville is available on the ISDH Asthma homepage, and will continue to be updated.
5. The EPA Great Lakes Asthma Forum is Feb 8-9 in Chicago. Allen County Asthma Alliance will be featured!

Presentation- Asthma Awareness Among Indiana Builders & Remodelers- Survey Results by Janet McCabe, Improving Kids Environment (IKE)

Janet McCabe of Improving Kids' Environment made a presentation about the Smart Schools Don't Idle program. IKE and Indianapolis' Nozone program are partnering to implement this program, which is funded by an Environmental Education grant from USEPA. The goal is to educate everyone in the elementary school community (children, parents, teachers, bus drivers, administrators and others) about the connection between vehicle exhaust, poor air quality and asthma, and to encourage behavior changes that will reduce the amount of vehicle idling that occurs on and off the school campus. Schools can choose from a list of activities, such as printing an article in the school newspaper, encouraging parents to pledge to reduce their idling, posting No Idle Zone signs in parent, bus and delivery truck waiting areas, and can come up with their own ideas. There are currently 31 schools signed up for the program—the goal is 70. The weblink is http://www.ikecoalition.org/Schools/Smart_Schools/Index.htm.

There's more information and resources there. You may contact Janet McCabe at mccabe@ikecoalition.org.

Presentation- Asthma Management in Schools by Phyllis Lewis, RN, Indiana Department of Education

Indiana Department of Education Vision – To lead and support a coordinated education system that is the driving force for a vital Indiana

Indiana Department of Education AIMS - (developed during the Baldrige in Education Initiative)

AIM 1 Support High Student Achievement

AIM 2 Promote Safe, Healthy, and Caring Schools

AIM 3 Promote Effective Use of Resources

AIM 4 Create and Support a High Performing DOE

Indiana Department of Education Mission – To ensure knowledgeable and productive citizens, the Indiana Department of Education provides leadership and support for the PK-12 education system through coordinated and relevant:

- Policies, programs, and services
- Standards
- Resources
- Evaluation and analyses

A copy of the report (Asthma Management in School) that Phyllis discussed is attached. You may contact Phyllis Lewis at plewis@doe.state.in.us

Nominations and Voting of Executive Officers

Election forms were distributed to all members via email prior to the meeting to allow for e-votes.

Members present at the meeting voted. Those votes combined with e-votes resulted in the election of the following individuals:

President- Fredrick Leickly, MD, James Whitcomb Riley Hospital

Vice President- Janet McCabe, Improving Kids Environment

Treasurer- Kim Irwin, American Lung Association

Secretary- Kathy Such, American Lung Association

Other business:

1. Ingrid Ritchie proposed that we work on increasing public awareness about InJAC and the recently created resolutions- Supporting Smoke-Free Environments and Supporting Reductions in Vehicle Idling.
 - ISDH will work with InJAC to do a press release.
 - Currently, there are no funds to pay for any advertisements in IBJ, Indianapolis Star & News or other media. Start with ISDH release and try to get other papers to pick up article
 - All members are encouraged to distribute the Resolutions and information about InJAC through their business newsletters
 - The Resolutions will be put on the ISDH Asthma Website
2. Ingrid also challenged the members of InJAC to address the issue of the lack of nurses in schools

Committee Updates:

Data & Surveillance- Report given by Marc Rosenman- Working on gathering data from Medicaid reports and may include data in the next burden report

Public Education- Report given by Kristin Hobson – The group is moving forward on an asthma media campaign with the EPA and the Ad Council. The campaign is expected to roll out next summer in time for ‘back to school’. The group is still seeking resources for the Asthma Resource Guide. Please contact Kristin at khobson@isdh.in.gov or Kathy at ksuch@lungin.org if you have any resources we can include in this guide.

Children & Youth- Report given by Julie Slavens – The group is sending out a survey to go to school nurses and administrators, another survey will go to be to early childcare givers. Results from surveys will guide the group to create packets that will have educational components to distribute back to those groups surveyed.

Environmental Quality- Report given by Ingrid Ritchie- The group is working on 2 more resolutions: Open Burning and Wood Boilers, and is also going through a list of goals & strategies. David Lamm, with Blue River Environmental Inc., is now on board to help the EQ group.

Health Care Providers- Report given by Judith Ganer- 104 people attended Asthma trainings held in Richmond, Evansville, Bloomington & Indianapolis. There will be another training session in April in South Bend. The group will be reviewing the Chronic Disease Management Action Plan for updates.

Next InJAC meeting will be at ISDH on March 29, 2007.

Attachments

1. Great Reasons Not To Idle
2. Asthma Management in Schools